CHRIST, and *grace* to help us in every time of need*.

By prayer the chriſtian will aſſiſtance gain.
And ev'ry needed good thro' CHRIST obtain,
For he who prays in faith can never pray in vain‡.

RURAL CHRISTIAN.

In my garden, on a verdant mount which terminates a gravel walk, I have placed a ſundial, with this motto round it, "THE

* Hebrews iv. 16.

‡ The encouragements to excite the chriſtian to pray and not to faint, are almoſt innumerable in the ſacred ſcriptures, and the greateſt bleſſings are expreſsly aſſerted to be obtained in the ways of prayer and believing. Matthew xxi. 22.

"THE SUN WARNS ALL BY ME*." By which I mean to ſuggeſt, that the ſwiftneſs of time and ſhortneſs even of the *longeſt* day, are eaſily perceived by the ſhadow on the dial, and ſeem to addreſs every beholder in ſuch like terms as theſe:

While you obſerve with juſt ſurprize,
How ſwift o'er me the ſhadow flies;
O be concern'd without delay,
To well improve the paſſing day;
For life, with all thy joys below,
Are but a dream or empty ſhow;
Another day thou may'ſt not ſee,
Prepare then for ETERNITY.

At the end of a ſerpentine walk, ſhaded with lofty elms, I have

* I once ſaw theſe words under a ſundial, and I think a very proper admonition to all, *Go about your Buſineſs.*

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